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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

: Examiner: Peng Ke

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**Commissioner for Patents**  
**P.O. Box 1450**  
**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to continued examination, and in response to the Office Action of January 4, 2005, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows.

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In re Application of:  
HIDEO TAKIGUCHI

Application No.: 09/848,372

Filed: May 4, 2001

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD, STORAGE MEDIUM  
AND PROGRAM

Docket No. 03500.015356.

Examiner: Peng Ke

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Date: April 21, 2005

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THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 27	MINUS	** 33	= 0	x \$25 \$50	0
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 12	MINUS	*** 5	= 7	x \$100 \$200	\$1,400.00
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$180°/\$360						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$1,400.00

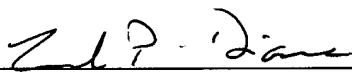
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- ☐ Verified Statement claiming small entity status is enclosed, if not filed previously.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1,400.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ Any prior general authorization to charge an issue fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.18 to Deposit Account No. 06-1205 is hereby revoked. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the fee for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension is enclosed.
- ☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.
- ☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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